

NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 481

Introduced by Crosby, 29

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to explore joint custody options, both physical (shared) and legal and to compare the joint custody outcomes to those of sole custody. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The effect on children mentally, physically, and behaviorally;

(2) The effect on child support payments;

(3) The effect on the relationship between the parents;

(4) Whether current law allows significant parental involvement by both parents;

(5) An overview of the outcomes of other states who have enacted a presumption of joint custody;

(6) The effect of ordering joint custody, physical or legal, on the child without the consent of both parents;

(7) The rates of involvement with regard to active parenting;

(8) How arguments between parents are worked out in joint legal custody situations versus sole custody awards;

(9) The effect of joint custody on families receiving welfare;

(10) Other socio-economic consequences to children and

their parents when joint custody is awarded as compared to sole custody; and

(11) Recommendations on any appropriate statutory changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

I, Patrick J. O'Donnell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Legislative Resolution 481, which was passed by the Legislature of Nebraska in the Ninety-sixth Legislature, Second Session, on the XXXX(words)XXXX day of March 2000.

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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE